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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

George Manuel

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-14, 17-28, 30, 31, 34-40, 43 and 44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 15, 16, 29, 32, 33, 41 and 42 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 17-28, 30, 31, 34-40, 43, 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hine et al '104.

Hine et al show all of the claimed features except for a first pace/sense electrode, and a coil electrode coupled to the distal portion, and a second pace/sense electrode.

One of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to modify the electrode 105 to comprise a first pace/sense electrode, and to modify the electrode 104 to comprise a coil electrode and to modify electrode 103 to comprise a second pace/sense electrode because Hine et al teach stimulating and sensing in the left atrium and the left ventricle with lead portions 104 and 105. Further, one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to provided cardioversion/defibrillation stimulation using a

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coil electrode 103 because Hine et al teach the lead 100 can be modified to include the functions of defibrillation as well as pacing. See col. 7, lines 57-66.

Regarding claims 40, 43 and 44, it is well known in the art to use a guidewire or stylet to guide the implantation of electrodes into the heart.

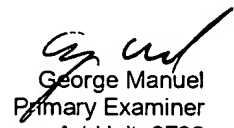
Hine et al show all of the claimed features except for a first pace/sense electrode comprising electrode 105 and a coil electrode coupled to the distal portion comprising electrode 104 and a second pace/sense electrode comprising electrode 103.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6, 15, 16, 29, 32, 33, 41 and 42 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Heil et al '541 disclose a related multi-site heart electrode. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Manuel whose telephone number is (703) 308-2118.


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Primary Examiner
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